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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 21st, 1908.

The discussion which took place at the Legislative Council meeting last week on the proposed new Tramway to the Peak is that the project is to be considered *de novo*. His Excellency the Governor told the Council that the circumstances under which the Bill was introduced a few years ago are very different to those which exist to-day. We all know when the proposal was first made that the tramway was intended to be competitive with the one already existing. Since then there has been an amalgamation and, moreover, it is now proposed that the new line should traverse a different route to that at first suggested. The new route, like the old, meets with opposition. The old route was condemned because it threatened to mar the beauty of the Public Gardens. To meet this objection the route has been altered in a way which brings the line to within 240 feet of the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Glenealy and the Catholic community is up in arms against it. They have petitioned the Legislative Council to veto this proposed alteration and employed Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., to argue the matter on their behalf and tendered expert evidence that cars passing over iron trestles at a distance of not more than 24 feet from the Cathedral door would rob the worshippers of that peace and quietness they now enjoy and would, moreover, inconvenience residents in the houses in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral. All this is quite possible and obviously highly probable, but, if the construction of the line is held to be desirable in the interests of the general public,

the Council seems to have no option but to sanction its construction over one of those two routes. His Excellency the Governor suggested doubt as to whether any necessity exists for the line but seemed to overlook the fact that it was chiefly intended not for residents at the Peak but to provide better facilities for reaching the roads on the higher levels. We do not know whether His Excellency was entirely correct in believing that the institution of this new scheme interfered with the extension of the existing tramway which, he said, would otherwise have been carried down to Queen's Road. We are under the impression that this was regarded rather as a means of meeting the threatened competition, because it was very evident that people would not walk up to St. John's Place to travel by the existing line if the station of the new line was situated in Queen's Road. At all events the public would not gain much by the extension of the existing line. If additional tramway accommodation is necessary under present conditions the need would be greater if the existing line were extended to Queen's Road because the service at the busiest hours of the day would necessarily be less frequent than it is now. If the line were carried down to Queen's Road a ten minutes' service, we presume, would be impossible. The question as to whether the proposed new line is a public necessity would seem to be answered affirmatively by the readiness of the Company to proceed with its construction. It does not seem fair to the Company that the Council, after having once approved the line on general principles should turn round now after the Company has gone to the expense of amalgamation and say "We will again consider the proposal on general principles." Opinion is doubtless divided concerning the necessity for the line; so it was when the existing line was constructed. The fact that private individuals are willing to provide the necessary fund for the construction of the line seems a sufficient answer to the question as to whether the line is needed or not. It is too late in the day now to be considering the general principle of the Bill. That ought to be regarded as having been finally settled two or three years ago, leaving the Council to decide which of the two routes in Glenealy is the least objectionable. We can quite believe that the line would prove a nuisance to the Roman Catholic Cathedral but it is worth pointing out that alongside the existing line stands a Roman Catholic Church, a Protestant Church, a Hospital and large Hotel. Aesthetics have been sacrificed in the interests of utility. The new line would probably have its advantages for the worshippers of the Roman Catholic Cathedral as well as its disadvantages, but, in public estimation, we fancy the original route will generally be regarded as the least objectionable.

The extension of the foreign settlement has been mooted again in Shanghai.
The Governor-in-Council has declared Bangkok to be an infected port.
The name of Mr. G. Whitelaw, of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., has been added to the register of Chemists and Druggists.
The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Leiria to act as Consul for Portugal and for Brazil at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.
The staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company hold their annual dance on Thursday, 31st December. The invitations have been issued.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Ross to act as District Officer in the New Territories with effect from the 6th instant, until further notice.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint the Honourable Mr. Hewett to be a Member of the Sanitary Board for a further period of three years, with effect from the 19th instant.
It is notified in the Gazette that Mr. Brayfield has been appointed Engineer Surveyor for private steam-launches under 60 tons, in place of Mr. H. L. Fletcher absent from the Colony, during the absence on leave of M. H. F. Carmichael.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to appoint Mr. J. F. Boulton to be Second Assistant Director of Public Works, with effect from the 13th November, 1908.
Judge Wilfley has been officially notified by the Department of State that his resignation has been accepted and that Mr. Rufus H. Thayer has been nominated as his successor. Judge Wilfley's resignation is to take effect on January 1, 1909.
Residents who make excursions into the New Territory and visit the railway works are warned that they should not ignore the notices placed at dangerous places on the railway route. Mr. Eves, the Chief Resident Engineer, has issued a notice which appears in our advertising columns warning the public against visiting the works without first obtaining permits. These, he explains, will be granted wherever possible.

A carol service preceded the evening service at St. Peter's Church last night.
The master of the German s.s. *Loewen* reports passing a sunken dorelet junk with her fore and aft ends above water. Position:—About latitude 20 degrees 35 N. Longitude 113 degrees 8' E.
His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 8 of 1908, entitled—An Ordinance to extend the provisions of The Liquor Licenses Ordinance 1898 and to provide for the grant of brewery licenses.
Saturday was an interesting day in the Russian calendar. It was the name day of His Majesty Emperor Nicholas II, and the occasion was celebrated by a reception at the residence of the Russian Consul, when Mr. and Mrs. Tiedemann were "at home" to a number of callers.
At the meeting of the Sanitary Board tomorrow there will be read a letter from Government relative to the appointment of Mr. Woodcock to act as Deputy Registrar and Accountant of the Supreme Court and Mr. Gibson and Mr. Craig to continue to act as Secretaries of the Sanitary Board.
Mr. Fletcher S. Brookman, National Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of China, Korea and Hongkong is paying a short visit to the Hongkong Association and addressed a meeting in the rooms, Alexandra Buildings, last night. There was a good attendance to hear this interesting speaker.
When the Criminal Sessions were resumed on Saturday His Honour the Chief Justice remarked that he had three days in which to do seven or eight days work and that he would adjourn the Sessions on completion of the case being tried until January 4th of the new year. Jurors would not be required to attend until that date.
The Taikee Club at Quarry Bay gave an interesting concert on Saturday night. The members turned up in full force, but the disagreeable weather interfered with the attendance of friends from Hongkong. Taikee talent provided a very interesting and enjoyable programme the feature of which was a bright little sketch admirably rendered by the "middle and male."

BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.
VERNACLULAR SIDE.
The annual prize distribution of the vernacular side of the Belilios Public School took place on Saturday morning, and attracted a large attendance of Orientals and Occidentals. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, presided, and a programme of songs and recitations was furnished by the pupils.
Mr. Wolfe, after the prize presentation, congratulated the pupils on the year's work. He was glad that the school was not only increasing in numbers, but in efficiency. In 1906, he said, the average attendance was 187; last year it was 237. This year the attendance had decreased slightly—about 237-27. The highest enrolment last year was over 300 names in the books of the school. The decrease in attendance was due to the bad outbreak of plague. He hoped plague would not return next year to spoil the attendance, which otherwise was on the increase. There was this to be considered. Now that the attendance was on the increase the Government had been forced to increase the number of teachers, but their number was still too small, and in spite of the decision of the Retrenchment Committee and other unpleasant things of that kind, the school staff was to be further increased. In conclusion, Mr. Wolfe congratulated the headmaster and his assistants on the school's efficiency, and hoped that it would be maintained.

The Inspector's report on the school read as follows:—
Discipline and Organization.—The discipline is very good and there is a noticeable change in this respect in the lower standards.
Organization.—The work of the school continues to be very satisfactory. There is, however, a tendency especially in the lower standards to try and do too much, e.g., in composition the answers were very long, but often not to the point and not written in the best style. Shorter, more concise, answers in good Chinese would have raised the standard of this work materially.
The work of the lower classes should not be left entirely to the mistresses. The masters, who teach the upper standards should give a series of lessons every week in the lower standards. The pupils will then be able to enlarge their stock of ideas especially in composition.

KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.
Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on the Board Room, on the 1st December 1908.
Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), J. S. Fenwick, Huang Teah-chew, N. K. S. S. Okyama, W. Wilson, and the Secretary, C. Berkeley Mitchell.

1. The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed.
2. A letter is read from Mr. C. A. V. Boyer resigning his seat on the Council on his transfer from the Port. The Secretary is directed to acknowledge receipt to express to Mr. Boyer the Council's regret at his departure, and thank him for the services he has rendered the Community during the past three years, as a member of the Council.
3. A letter is read from the Land Commissioners reporting their completion of the revaluation of property in the Settlement and the Secretary is instructed to write and thank the Commissioners for their labours in the matter.
4. The Superintendent of Police reports only one case, that of an assault, has been heard in the Mixed Court since the last meeting, as the Court has been closing owing to the Chinese Official world being in mourning for the late Dowager Empress and Emperor.

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

SIR ROBERT HART.

LONDON, December 17th.

Sir Robert Hart was presented with the freedom of the City of London yesterday.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 17th.

A stormy debate has taken place in the Duma, on a Bill for indemnifying the victims of the Terrorists. The Socialists and Labourites denounced the executions and tortures, and the President of the Duma resigned in consequence of the attitude of the Conservatives, and demands an apology from the Labourites.

TURKEY.

LONDON, December 17th.

The Sultan drove in an open carriage of State to open the new parliament, where he was cheered by immense crowds.

The Sultan stood throughout the drive. All Djedab Bey read the speech from the throne, in which the Sultan said that he was heartily glad to restore the constitution and his will was unalterable in that respect.

His Majesty regretted that the Bulgarians had departed from the path of loyalty and proclaimed their independence.

He regretted to announce that Austria-Hungary had illegally annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, contrary to international good faith, and hoped that, with the good offices of a friendly power, those questions would be peacefully settled.

THE SOUTH MANCHURIAN
RAILWAY LOAN.

LONDON, December 17th.

The South Manchurian Railway loan was over-subscribed ten-fold.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, December 17th.

Mr. Pulitzer's paper, the *World*, resorts to President Roosevelt's message to Congress by calling the President a bully, a wholesale slanderer and a bulldozer of Judges.

LATER.

The House of Representatives has resolved to call on President Roosevelt to justify his insinuation that Congressmen feared the action of detectives.

LATER.

A. T. Taft is acting as peacemaker between President Roosevelt and Congress.

INDIAN REFORM BILL.

LONDON, December 18th.

Mr. Morley has introduced the Indian Reform Bill in the House of Lords. The Bill makes the provincial legislative councils largely elective through electoral colleges, sacrifices official majorities except on the Imperial Council, but retains the power of veto. The Bill foreshadows a wide extension of the popular element of district administration.

GERMAN AIRSHIPS.

LONDON, December 18th.

The German Ministry of Marine has decided to build four airships for scouting purposes, and also to build floating docks, convertible to airship sheds.

MURDER IN NEW TERRITORY.

The police received news on Saturday that murder had been committed at the residence of Mr. Stein, assistant engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, who resides between Shatin and Taiipo. No word has been received officially beyond the announcement of the tragedy, but detectives have been despatched to institute inquiries.

WONDERFUL CHILD COMPOSER.

IMPROVISING AT THE ALBERT HALL.

To have written three hundred compositions, including overtures, string quartets, songs, and a comic opera, is a feat which any one would be proud of achieving.
All this has been accomplished by little Georg Seidl, the wonderful eleven-year-old boy musician, of Budapest, who made his first appearance in England at the Albert Hall last month as a pianist and composer.

In spite of the enormous mass of work—and he is also said to have sung forty songs when he was eighteen months old—Georg Seidl does not seem to have suffered. His talents as a pianist are of no small order. He has acquired an excellent technique and an admirable sense of expression in his feelings. But the ambition of this extraordinary child is to shine as a great composer, and, judging by the overture heard yesterday, this he bids fair to do.

His powers of theme-development and mastery of orchestration are astonishing in one so young. He claims an intimate knowledge of every instrument in the orchestra. There can be no doubt as to the work being his own creation, for proof is afforded in the shape of an original theme, which was given him as a test, and which he at once cleverly improvised in the forms of a concert-overture, polka, and minuet.
The reception which the great audience gave the little fair-haired maestro was one of intense enthusiasm.

SUPREME COURT.

Saturday, December 19th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR F. PAGGOTT).

MANSLAUGHTER.

The hearing of the charge preferred against Chia Yuen Fok of murdering Choy Yuen at Cheongchawan on Nov. 26th was resumed. The Attorney-General (the Hon. W. Rees Davies, K.C.) conducted the prosecution, while Mr. E. E. Bellios instructed by Mr. D. Almada e Castro, from Messrs. Goldring, Barlow, and Morgell defended.

The jury was as under: Messrs. David A. Purvis, Henry Reeves, Hedley, T. Richardson, Johannes P. Ulderup, Thomas P. Hall (foreman), Henry Gittins, and Frederick Ellis.

The case for the Crown being concluded, Mr. Bellios addressed the jury.—He said the defence would be that it was deceased who first took up the knife, chased prisoner, and then a scuffle ensued. In the scuffle deceased dropped his knife and that was the time when prisoner first got possession of it. Prisoner was thrown on the ground, his throat was being squeezed by the deceased, and, being the weaker man, he stabbed upwards in self-protection. There was not the slightest title of evidence to show that prisoner premeditated murder.

The Attorney-General contended that the evidence of the prisoner, uncorroborated by any witnesses whatever, was highly incredible.

His Lordship, summing up, said that it was the first time a Chinaman in the Assize Court had availed himself of the privilege of going into the box and giving evidence on oath on so serious a charge. And they must remember that it required a great deal of pluck to face the Attorney-General's cross-examination if the prisoner were not speaking the truth. He (his Lordship) could not say that the witnesses on behalf of the Crown had been altogether satisfactory: there were certain discrepancies which made it hard to believe that they spoke exactly the truth, although they probably believed that what they were telling was what they thought they saw. His Lordship said if the jury believed that it was prisoner who chased deceased, that a quarrel followed, and this led to the wounds being given, they must find him guilty of murder. But if they believed that the two men had a quarrel, there was a pursuit, and something of which they were not quite clear happened, it was their duty to bring in a verdict of "manslaughter," with a recommendation to mercy.

His Lordship said, having regard to the recommendation to mercy, and the circumstances of the case, he should sentence prisoner to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

The sessions were adjourned until 4th January.

THE BANDMANN COMEDY COMPANY
"ZAZA."

Although the unfavourable weather on Saturday night seemed likely to materially affect the attendance, yet the aluring nature of the drama was sufficient to attract a comparatively large audience to the Theatre Royal to witness the production of "Zaza." The play is an adaptation from the French of Messrs. Berton and Simon by Mr. David Belasco of New York. "Zaza" is the story of a French concert hall singer who has become business partner with a male singer and is doing a turn at a café chantant at St. Etienne. She is a virtuous woman until she meets a rich young Frenchman, Bernard Dufresne, one night after one of her turns. She becomes infatuated with him, but the young man resists her advances at first. He finally succumbs and takes her to live with him in a small house in St. Etienne, not revealing to her that he has a wife and child in Paris. After six months of ideal life for Zaza the young man leaves to go to Paris on business, promising to return. During his absence she is told by Cascart, her former singing partner, that Bernard is married, and half crazy with grief and wounded pride she goes to Bernard's house in Paris where she sees his wife and meets his little daughter, by whom the truth is confirmed. She then returns home and on the point of returning to the stage when a telegram announces the return of her recalcitrant lover. Her joy at seeing him is at first intense, but gradually cools, and she tells him that she has been to Paris and knows all about his other home. Recriminations follow and Zaza, now thoroughly aroused, orders him from the house. She then returns to the stage and resumes her old place as favourite. When they finally do meet it is outside the Concert Des Ambassadeurs music hall on the Champs Elysees, where she is singing. He attempts to renew the old intimacy but Zaza, although startled by his unexpected appearance, recovers her self-possession and gently but firmly refuses. He goes sadly away, while she disappears into the theatre.

In many parts the play verges towards the higher standard of melo-drama and is profuse with passionate and emotional dialogues. This is particularly true of the scene where Zaza meets Dufresne's child, Toto, and in the other where she reveals to him her knowledge that he is married and that she has informed his wife of his infidelity. The scene was a strong one, practically the full company appearing. Miss Hamer played the title role and added further laurels to her successes. Miss Lucy Bonnamant as "Rose Bonine," Zaza's bibulous widowed aunt, was decidedly successful and the character of "Nathalie," Zaza's maid, and "Toto" Dufresne's child, were well portrayed by Miss Minnie Bayne and Miss Duffie Forsyth who acted with the charming grace and freshness of youth. Mr. Douglas Vigors appeared as a waiter, as Bernard Dufresne and as the lover was excellent. "Cascart," Zaza's singing partner, was well interpreted by Mr. Charles Vane and Mr. Theo. Sydney acquitted himself well as the old roué Duc de Brissac.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

December 18th.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION IMPEDED BY OBSTINATE PROPERTY OWNERS.

The public is aware that a special price has been fixed by the Chinese Government for the redemption of land required by the Kowloon-Canton Railway for the construction of the Chinese section of this line, and notices have been forwarded to all the landowners of the different districts through which the railway is to pass requesting them to send in the title deeds of their properties and have them transferred to the Railway Company and obtain payment. It is reported that many of the property owners have refused to send in their title deeds for the transfer of their land at the price fixed by the Government and are demanding their own prices for the properties. The Railway Bureau has reported the matter to the Viceroy who has instructed the Provincial Treasurer to draw up a proclamation and forward copies of it to the Magistrates of Poon Yu, Tsang Shing, Tung Koon etc., for the information of the people of their respective districts.

The wording of the proclamation is as follows:—

This proclamation is issued to inform all the property owners that they are required to comply with the request to forthwith register their addresses at the Land Redemption Bureau and send in the title deeds of their properties where their land has been surveyed and required by the Railway Company for the construction of the line, and await the payment of the purchase money according to the fixed schedule of rates. They are warned not to treat their land as rare commodities and offer resistance and delay. The Magistrates are instructed to notify and command the gentry of their respective districts that they must not stir up the people to insist on their own prices and thus delay the transfer of their properties to the Company. If they should be discovered doing this the Magistrates are to arrest them and have them severely punished. The Land Redemption Bureau in the respective districts will receive the title deeds sent to them and after careful investigation if found in proper order will issue orders for payment to the property owners for collection of same. Everything will be done in a proper and fair way and in accordance with the regulations laid down.

SUBSIDIARY COINAGE QUESTION AGAIN.
The following is the gist of a dispatch sent by the Viceroy to the Wai-wu-pu in reply to a communication received from that Board re the subsidiary coinage question:—

The Viceroy says he has received many dispatches regarding this coinage question, all urging him to stop production. This is due to the British Minister being ignorant of the exact state of affairs in the South and the real state of the money market. The British Minister has not sufficiently inquired into the matter. He only points out persistently that it is an obstruction to trade. This is incorrect. From inquiries made the Viceroy says it is impossible to stop the minting of subsidiary coins and that it must continue. The Viceroy really believes that the coinage is insufficient. He further remarks that although the Sin-Han-Ku (Bureau of Local Affairs) pays only a certain percentage of the officials, salaries and soldiers wages in subsidiary coins, yet the supply is insufficient. The banks, shops and merchants often run short of these coins. The Viceroy contemplates increasing the production to meet the demands of the market and help trade. In conclusion His Excellency says it is impossible to comply with the British Minister's request in this matter.

The Viceroy has sent a similar dispatch to the Board of Revenue at Peking.

PIRACY ON THE WEST RIVER.

It is reported that strong representations have been made by the British Minister at Peking that piracy is still rife on West River, that foreign vessels trading in that River are being insufficiently guarded against attacks by pirates and that the notorious pirate chief Luk Lan Ching who is at the bottom of all the trouble is still at large and that both foreign and Chinese vessels trading inland have been victimized by him. It appears he has recently been sending numerous letters demanding blackmail from foreign hong, &c. The result of this constant hammering at the door of the Waiwupu is that yesterday the Viceroy received a special telegram from that department stating that, according to many of the dispatches received by the Waiwupu from His Excellency in which he has repeatedly assured them that the patrol of the West River has been properly arranged and that vessels trading in the West River are now adequately protected against attacks by pirates and that rigid measures have been taken for the capture of the notorious Pirate Chief Luk Lan Ching, yet up to the present time they have not heard that he has been captured. The dispatch instructs His Excellency to give all the military departments to proceed up-country and do their utmost to effect the capture of Luk.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On Friday His Excellency received Captain Baron Rubin de Cervin of the Italian Cruiser "Vesuvio," who was accompanied by Comm. Volpelli. Also Captain Ackermann of S.M.S. "Tiger," German gunboat, Dr. Vorstedt, German Consul, accompanied Capt. Ackermann.
On Saturday His Excellency inspected the Western defences of Hongkong. He was accompanied by Major-General Broadwood, Col. Darling, Lt. Col. Chamber and the A.D.C. To-day H.E. presents the prizes at St. Joseph's College.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

I am abashed. A correspondent has pointed out to me that I passed a joke last week, and did not realise it. Shades of my Scottish ancestors! But I will let my correspondent speak for himself. He says "Anent your comments last week on Shakespeare and spitting you might have read further, for surely Shakespeare had in mind a side walk in Hongkong when he wrote 'tis true 'tis spite and pity 'tis 'tis true'."

Occasionally we find it difficult when the sun is shining and the air is mild to realise that Christmas is near but these damp cold days are reminiscent of the weather usually experienced in England at this season of the year. Overcoats have become fashionable and the fire has an attraction that cannot be resisted.

Christmas, the happiest day of the year! That is one of our earliest beliefs which years and experience tend to dissipate. Undoubtedly it is a great day for the youngsters. It possesses a glamour which fond parents like to enhance, and the joy for adults to a large extent consists in seeing others happy. But what man can be happy when he receives about ten pocket books, a number of cigarette or cigar cases, a fountain pen or two, and other more or less useful articles when he knows there should be a *quid pro quo* for each. To such an one Xmas is a delusion and a snare.

Don't let me prejudice you, dear readers. Have a good time, make it a real merry Christmas. Let your heart swell up with love to your fellows, but be careful of your digestion. The plum pudding is not always as innocent as it looks, and turkey may cause unpleasant memories. I will say no more. A word to the wise is sufficient.

I heard a good deal of discussion at the Happy Valley on Saturday as to the merits of baseball, cricket and football. It may have been what is called our insular prejudice that led so many to declare that baseball was not a bad game but "it won't take the place of cricket," or it may have been sheer ignorance, or even ignorance if you like. A number of the onlookers at Saturday's match were unable to grasp the points of the game, and so with a lofty disdain they declared they could not see anything in it. But baseball must have something in it to attract a whole continent, as it does in America. It is the one sport that makes the American man forget his business and his troubles and endure discomfort cheerfully. The fury of a presidential campaign, the excitement of a diplomatic crisis or stock market fluctuations are as nothing compared to the fevered inquiry in the States "What's the score?"

You will pardon me if I adopt an attitude of superior wisdom, but I had the enlightenment of an American friend who helped me to "savvy" the points of the game. I felt proud of myself when I saw the value of a "sacrifice" hit and realised the tricks of the batsman as he sought to "bluff" the umpire or read the signals which told the intention of a player. It was great sport. There is no doubt about it, baseball is a grand game.

The old conundrum "When is a door not a door" is eclipsed by the new one supplied by the Chief Justice which may be put thus "When is a Chinaman not a Chinaman." The question may look simple or ridiculous according to the point of view but it cannot be answered so readily as the older problem. One might think that a Chinese born in Hongkong, or the Straits or Australia was a British subject and therefore not a Chinaman, but, according to the law as interpreted this week, it seems that once a Chinaman always a Chinaman is the correct view. This puzzle might take the place of some of the conundrums which do duty at Christmas time.

Apparently we have misunderstood women, and the stage is the principal offender in perpetrating the delusion. These are not the actual words of Miss Hilda Trevelyan, but they represent her meaning. Speaking at the O. P. Club in London, she said that the future of the drama "lay in the hands of women, who were going to throw off the mask. Up to now men had so presented women in the drama that women had been amused, and had not had the heart to undeceive them. The things they made women do in drama so that men might do better! The holes they pushed women into so that men might lift them out! And women had pretended it was all just so. Women now had decided to tell the truth about women's drama. Incidentally, that would mean telling the truth about men, so, of course, they would have the police put upon them." Who tie themselves to the grille of the House of Commons? Eh! Who interrupt meetings and make themselves ridiculous? But, of course, it is ungentlemanly to take the lady seriously.

Retrenchment is in the air at present. The Committee appointed by the Government have got to work and I suppose their recommendations will have some weight by and by. But why should the Government have been so secretive in the matter? It is a question in which the public are deeply concerned, and it would have given greater confidence in the Government had they announced that they were taking the measures that they have adopted. There is no occasion for all this mystery.

The Eton Mission to China, with its avowed object of giving China an opportunity of the best education and of learning Christianity, is provoking some correspondence in home journals. The "Humanitarian" asks "Are the Eton authorities so devoid of the least grain of humour that they do not see the rank absurdity of thus posing as the superiors of a highly civilised nation, when their own school stands convicted of the most disgusting savagery at home? It would be far more pertinent that

China should send a Mission to Eton; and we shall at least take care that the inhabitants of China, where the Mission is to be posted, are fully informed as to the character of the sports indulged in by their instructors."

A correspondent sends the following—
To China's poor benighted race,
O'er the far Eastern wave,
Haste, Eton! Bring the means of grace
Those heathen souls to save!
Teach them to raise the sacred sound
Of Christmas praise and prayer;
Then lead them forth to "blood" the bound
And "break" the hunted hare!

A Chinese gentleman improves upon this by writing to the Headmaster of Eton a letter in which he says that "with the aid of some fellow citizens who, like myself, are conversant with English manners, I have determined to return the compliment by bringing a Chinese Mission to Eton, in order to give the boys some elementary lessons in the duty of humanness to animals. I would remind you of that ancient British proverb, 'Charity begins at home.' It being notorious, even as far as China, that one of the recognised amusements of Eton boys is the 'blooding' of hounds and the 'breeding' of hares—practices which would be regarded in any Chinese school as utterly wicked and immoral—it is evident that we Orientals may, without presumption, send a message of humanity and civilisation to your young barbarians of the West, of whom it has been said by well-known writer that 'they begin their education in brutality when they ought to be learning to say their prayers.'"

It looks as if the Etonians stood convicted of the old offence of trying to teach their grandmothers to suck eggs.

SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, LIMITED.

The report and accounts of the South China Morning Post, Limited, for presentation at the sixth ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held in the offices of Dr. Noble, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, December 30th, 1908.

19th December, 1907.
Gentlemen,—The Directors beg to submit their report for the year ending August 31st, 1908. The debit balance of the profit and loss account as per the last balance sheet was \$90,237.44. The profit for the year ending 31st August, 1908 is \$3,634.77.

Leaving a reduced debit to be carried forward of \$86,602.67.

The Directors, Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. G. C. Moxon, and J. S. Harston, retire according to clause 83 of the articles of association, but offer themselves for re-election.

J. W. NOBLE, Chairman.
J. SCOTT HARSTON, Director.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, for the year ended 31st August, 1908.	
To depreciation written off machinery, type, metals, stores, furniture and library (averaging 7 per cent. per annum)	4,392.73
To directors' fees	2,000.00
To interest on bank loans	1,958.38
To interest on debentures	1,443.47
To interest on exchange	9,789.63
To balance being net profit for year	33,634.77
By profit on trading account	43,415.83
By transfer from	8.00
By profit on trading account	43,423.83

BALANCE SHEET, 31st August, 1908.	
Capital (authorised and subscribed) 6,000 shares at \$25 each	150,000.00
Reserve for employees' home-purchase	325.33
Sundry creditors	8,500.00
Loan	11,426.03
Wages, paper, stores, subscriptions in advance, etc.	2,000.00
Reserve to cover sundry losses	21,928.06
By profit on trading account	43,415.83
By transfer from	8.00
By profit on trading account	43,423.83

ASSETS.	
Plant, machinery, type, etc. As per last account	\$60,556.23
Less sale	100.00
Less depreciation	3,884.11
.....	4,034.11
Additions	366,921.12
.....	7,555.97
Furniture, fittings, and fixtures, as per last account	3,000.00
Less depreciation	451.62
.....	3,071.48
Reference library	782.65
As per last account	77.06
Less depreciation	7.00
.....	76.59
Additions	25.74
.....	728.33

Stocks of paper, ink, stores, etc. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank account	18,123.26
Cash in hand	2,583.37
.....	1,924.00
Sundry debtors	4,758.04
Insurance premia unexpired	17,883.23
.....	425.02
Goodwill—Victoria Lithographic works (paid for in shares) as per last account	109,463.38
Formation expenses (as per last account)	2,000.00
Profit and loss account (as per last account)	3,243.54
31st August, 1907	90,237.44
Less Profit for year ending 31st August, 1908	33,634.77
.....	56,602.67
.....	\$174,274.59

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Hubi* left Manila on the 19th inst., and is due here to-day at 6 p.m. The Australian Lloyd's str. *E. J. Ferdinand* left Shanghai on the 19th inst. a.m. and is due here to-morrow p.m. The J. & C. str. *Typhoon* left Shanghai for this port via Amoy on the 18th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst. a.m. She will leave for Java ports on or about 28th inst. p.m. The P. & O. str. *Assage* left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst. at 5 p.m., with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 24th inst. at about 5 p.m. The N.Y.K. str. *Haruma Maru* (European Line), left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 19th inst. and is expected here on the 23rd inst.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Minutes of a monthly meeting of the general committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce held in the Chamber Room, St. George's Building, on Saturday, the 5th December, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon. President—Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt (Chairman). Mr. J. B. M. Smith (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. W. J. Green, Messrs. D. R. Law, A. Bunting, J. W. C. Bonnar, E. Shellin, G. Brinkley, H. E. Tomkins and E. A. M. Williams (Secretary).

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th November 1908, were confirmed.

UNITED STATES MONETARY COMMISSION.

Government House, OTTAWA, Oct. 26th, 1908.

The President, Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

DEAR SIR,—It is evident that the report of the United States Monetary Commission will bring up once more the entire question of silver and the exchanges.

I enclose copy of a letter I have to-day received from Senator Teller of that Commission and I think you may like to lay it before your Chamber.

We in England have no longer any organisation such as before 1896 provided us with information from the Far East; but if it were possible for a representative of your Chamber to attend at Washington between November and April 1908-1909, 1909-1910, the Commission would, I am sure, greatly value such evidence.

Meanwhile any statement addressed to the care of Senator Teller, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., will be valued and very carefully considered.—Yours faithfully,

MORRISON FREWEN.

Enclosure. United States Senate, WASHINGTON, D.C., October 20, 1908.

DEAR MR. MORRISON FREWEN,—I am obliged to you for your note. While the Monetary Commission would prefer your evidence just as early as possible after the date of its sitting (November 10th) I follow that you would like to give it the latest returns you can procure in England as to prices, and wages in the Orient.

I quite agree the real storm centre of our enquiry will not emerge either from our currency or from yours, but from the deplorable collapse in the gold price of silver. In other words, our troubles come not from our currency but from our exchanges. In the world's history of the two precious metals, we hitherto experienced two, and only two great variations in their prices: the fall in the price of silver in 1893, occasioned by the closing of the Indian Mints, the collapse last year which resulted from the failure of the rains in Hindustan. On each occasion the suffering and disaster was unspeakable, and that given the same cause shall have a recurrence of the effects I have no doubt. For thirty years past the conviction has been borne in upon me that any collapse in silver or in other words, in the silver exchange with Asia must cut down the purchasing power of one half the human race, upset our exports and especially yours to Asia, and culminate in a money panic. To-day a Chinaman must give 12 Taels for 5 Gold Dollars; a year ago he gave 9 at the old rate he gave 5 Taels only for 5 Gold Dollars. We know that the wages of the Chinaman at his home, and the silver price at which he markets his produce, are no higher than when he bought 5 Gold Dollars for 5 Silver Taels; the consequence then of such a collapse in silver as we had last year must be to destroy all our export trades across the Pacific. We know that by comparison with even two years ago no ship now leaving San Francisco, or Portland or Seattle for Asiatic Ports can get any cargo at all.

Secretary Root has sent a circular to all Consuls in Asia asking them whether since the collapse of silver in 1907 those firms which import from us and from you have been subject to as we should expect, serious losses. Can you bring me some further evidence on your return as to this? Have the export trades of Lancashire for example suffered as have our Lowell Cotton Mills, during the great break in silver exchange of the last 18 months? Again are there the evidences not merely in the last year but in the last thirty years, that the displacement of the old 15 to 1 relation between the metals has resulted in unwanted industrial activities in Asia and in a competition disastrous to white workers? Five gold dollars (or one sovereign) used to purchase five taels only, and five taels then paid the wages for one day of twenty five Chinese mill hands; while to-day five Gold Dollars buy 12 Taels and 12 Taels pay a day's wage for not twenty-five, but 60 Chinese mill hands. Such is the nature of the protest against cheapened silver which sums up our silver philosophy; and if you can secure from the Government of India official tables of wages and prices concurring with the tables which we already have of the Imperial Board of Maritime Customs in China our enquiry will be much advanced.

But what is more important by far is that our Commission should learn what are the intentions of the Government of India. Will that Government subscribe to our researches in a question all important to Indian finance, some official witness? I am of course merely asking this informally. We will make the proposal orally, if you can learn that it will be well received. But we do not wish to encounter a blank negative. My colleague, Senator Wolcott, went to England in 1897 with a Commission from but Government. Our proposals were acceptable to the English and French Governments, but you recall that at the last moment the Government of India was permitted to negative our proposals on the ground that the consequent rise in the

exchange would kill India's export trade. The validity of their objection I quite admit; India's exports are not natural but are, as indeed are all the exports of Asia, largely dependent on cheaper silver and on lowered exchanges. We have always declared that the yellow races with white money—money cheapened by white legislation—sold us industrially at their mercy.

Thus it is all important for us to know where we stand to-day. The closing of the Indian Mints in 1893, has in my judgment started the Indian currency, and has prevented silver prices and wages there from rising. Again the great expansion of the currencies of the gold nations because of the new gold has inflated gold prices. If silver prices and wages do not rise, and gold prices and wages do rise, it is quite clear that owing to the pressure of Asiatic exports, industry after industry now employing white working men must close down to be replaced in the world's economy by mills and factories manned with yellow labour in Asia; in short the labour cost of what Asia manufactures for export has been already cut in half, by the reduction in the Gold price of Silver. Possibly the interests of the people of India are subserved by these low exchanges with closed Mints; certainly the industries of China, where no Mints are closed are being stimulated by low exchanges, and already China has commenced to manufacture steel, but that a great civilised Government should be making a profit as to-day of 50 per cent. by selling currency of unlimited legal tender to three hundred million of its citizens; that the currency of India should be manipulated as to-day by a few officials, whose purchases or non-purchases of silver bullion elevate or depress all the world's exchanges in China—this is so opposed to every theory of your own economists that I must now venture to press the point further. But this at least I may say subscriptions have been collected in America during the past few years to succor starving Hindus who had on their persons all the material of a famine reserve fund in the shape of bangles and ornaments and only that the Indian Mints were closed and the mintage of rupees made a most profitable monopoly of the Indian Government. Let me ask you what your view would be if we had a famine in the United States, if our people had vast stores of gold in bangles and ornaments accumulated during a thousand years, and if we closed our mints to the free coining of gold at a moment of acute famine and disaster.

I now come to the point which greatly concerns our Commission. I personally am in favour of the proposal advanced by Lord Herschell and the gold members of your Royal Commission upon currency which reported in 1889 namely the issue of small notes of limited legal tender (40 shillings), these notes to be secured by silver. This proposal was again advocated in 1891 by your Chancellor of Exchequer in what we here call the "Goschen plan". If our nation with England and Germany would issue these notes, would purchase with them and impound large central gold reserves, the Goschen plan would have a double effect. It would accumulate great gold reserves in New York, London and Berlin, the presence of which would keep money rates steady and low, and again by raising the price of silver bullion, would raise all the rates of exchange with Asia, thus enabling Asia to purchase from us and reducing the present bonus on all that she exports. Such a plan if adopted by one, two or three nations of the first rank would go far to settle both the silver question and the gold question, at least for a generation to come. But here we are again met with the Indian difficulty. Our purchases of silver to secure the Goschen notes would certainly advance the price of silver to eighty-six cents per ounce (43 pence). At that point the Government of India might decide to melt up and sell Rupees; that is to say, at 86 cents per ounce the full value of the Rupee would equal its present exchange value (16 pence), so that in the deliberations of our Commission we must at once confront this point; if we approve the Goschen plan, with or without Great Britain and Germany, will the Government of India consent to re-open their Mints when the price of silver bullion has risen to eighty-six cents per ounce? Why would not Great Britain join with us heartily in the Goschen reform? A large central gold reserve is not less important to her than it is to us, while the rise in the exchanges with all Asia would occupy her people in her own mills and factories and bring back to her and to us a very real prosperity.

I have I fear written you at very great length. It is, however, possible for you to procure through the Indian Government some reply to this question, because we are quite certain to meet an almost insuperable obstacle in the attitude of that Government, and that at the very outset of our enquiry—I am, &c.,

H. M. TELLER.

Mr. Morrison Frewen, Government House, OTTAWA, CANADA.

It was decided to reply that a representative of the Chamber would attend the Commission if it could possibly be arranged.

SEVENTH CONGRESS OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE EMPIRE 1909.

Further letter from the London Chamber—Oxford Court, Cannon Street, London, E.C., 3rd November, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to confirm my Circular letter of the 26th June last informing you that the Seventh Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire will be held in Sydney, N.S.W., commencing on the 14th September, 1909, and giving particulars in regard to the general arrangements to be made for the convenience of delegates.

I have now pleasure in stating that the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of

Australia, the Right Hon. the Earl of Dudley, G.C.V.O., has accepted the Hon. Presidency of the Congress.

You will, I feel sure, realise the importance of deciding as early as possible at least upon some of the delegates who will represent your Chamber and of the desirability of those delegates informing me, through you, of their intention to visit Australia, as well as their prospective plans for the return journey. Nominations are reaching me frequently now, and I shall be glad to hear, as early as convenient, from all Chambers, in order that I may keep the Committee in Australia fully informed as to the numbers that may be expected, &c. I am appending to this letter details of the reductions which will be granted by the various Steamship Companies and the Routes which may be followed. These include facilities for visiting Japan, Hongkong, India, &c., on the homeward journey whilst arrangements can no doubt be made, if so desired, for a more extended programme.

I am further instructed to request that your Chamber should commence, as early as convenient, the consideration of the resolutions which they may desire to bring forward, and that the same may be transmitted to me without delay. A preliminary draft of the programme of Resolutions to be submitted to the Congress will be circulated, following the usual custom, early in 1909. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that the Resolutions to be submitted to the Congress must be such as will be of interest to the Empire as a whole, or to more than one portion thereof, and not in any sense local in bearing. The following is a list of the subjects which were discussed at the 1906 Congress, and which will no doubt be of assistance to your Chamber in approaching the matter, though it is not intended to be in any way complete:—

Arbitration, Bills of Lading, British Capital in the Colonies, British Commercial Agents, Cable Communication, Canadian Bankruptcy Law, Canadian Railways, Catalogues, Colonial Duties on Certificates of Origin, Codification of Commercial Law, Colonial Survey, Commercial Education, Commercial Relations between the Mother Country, her Colonies and Dependencies, Commercial Travellers' Taxes, Consular Service, Decimal System of Weights, Measures and Currency, Defence of the Empire, Emigration, Fast Steamship Services, Gambling in futures, Imperial Council, Imperial Penny Postage, Importation of Canadian Cattle, Insolvency Law, International Exhibition, Light Dues, Merchandise Marks, Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment for British Colonies, National Indemnity in time of War, Naturalization Laws, Parcel Post, Rates, Patents, Copyright and In-solvency, Postal Rate on Imperial Publications, Realization of small estates, Rebates, Registration of Firms, Shipping Houses, Shipping of China, Glassware &c., Surtax in Venezuela, Surtax on Rum, Surtax d'Entrepot, Transit.

I might add that the London Chamber will probably place on the paper resolutions on some of the following subjects, viz.—Commercial Relations between the Mother Country, her Colonies and Dependencies; Defence of the Empire; Emigration; Arbitration (Inter-State Commercial Awards); Cable Commercial Education; Colonial Duties on Catalogues; Certificates of Origin; Merchandise Marks; Parcel Post Rates.

I am also sending, for your guidance, a copy of the Report of the last Congress, so that the new Resolutions may, as far as possible, be continuous and in keeping with previous procedure.—Yours faithfully,

KENNEDY B. MURRAY, Secretary.

It was decided to reply that the Committee at the moment, were unable to say definitely whether it would be possible to send a delegate, to represent the Chamber, but in the event of its being possible no arrangements as to the movements of the delegate were necessary as it was likely he would be a merchant with business connections in the Commonwealth.

OBSERVATION STATION AT LAICHKOK.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Committee the additional regulations to Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance (No. 10 of 1899) made by the Governor-in-Council on 23rd November, 1908, under section 23 of the above Ordinance.

The Chairman pointed out that under the new regulations the owners of infected vessels placed under observation would be subject to such expenses as the cost of lymph, disinfectants, water, lighting, police guard, nurses, ward-masters, medicines and medical comforts, &c., in fact the whole cost of upkeep of Observation Stations.

It was considered that such an imposition would cause many owners to send their vessels when engaged in the coolie trade direct to such coast ports as Poochow, Amoy and Swatow to the detriment of the interests of the Colony.

The Committee thought that the regulations governing the port of Singapore under which shipping companies pay for the actual cost of up keep for their quarantined passengers, for disinfection of the vessels, and for burial expense only, were more equitable.

The Government made regulations obliging owners to set down infected passengers at a certain spot where they were detained at the will of the Government. The Government should therefore pay the cost of the upkeep of such establishments which were maintained in the interests of the Colony.

The Committee decided to protest against the new regulations.

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SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list, dated the 19th December, 1908, say—A very moderate business only has been done during the week under review. Rates, on the whole, have not changed much, but the general tendency is rather weakish, only few stocks being in demand. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 8-1/4d., while rates on Shanghai are Tls. 75 for a Bank T./L. and Tls. 76 for a three days' sight Private Bill, the rate in Shanghai on this for a three days' sight Private draft being Tls. 75, Bearer in London is quoted 22-1/2d., and Consols 83-1/4d. The Bank of England's rate of discount is 2-1/2 per cent.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai are rather weaker, and after sales at 8550 and 8545, are offering at the latter figure. The Shanghai quotation is 8800 with an unchanged of Tls. 73. The London rate is 832. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions sold at 8840, but more shares are offering. China Traders and Cantons are unchanged. North China have improved to buyers at Tls. 105. Yangtzes can be placed at 8165.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong sold at 8330 and 8325, closing with sellers at the lower figure. Chinas fetched 8106, and are wanted now at 8107.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao sold at 829 and 824, and have sellers at the higher rate. Shell Transports are quiet at 47s, the London rate in 47s. 9d. sellers. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without sales.

TELEPHONE.—There is a slightly better feeling for China Sugars, a small demand existing at 8112. Lungs are neglected at 820.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages have advanced to buyers at 8595. Rupees sold at rates ranging between 89 and 89, closing quiet at the lower figure. Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's shares can be placed at Tls. 17-1/2.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sellers at 891 and Fenwicks at 812. New Amoy Docks have enquiries at 89, Shanghai Docks have been sent to the North at Tls. 73; a wire from the north informs us that an interim dividend of Tls. 24 per share has been declared. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have fluctuated a good deal in the north, closing at Tls. 135. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves sold and can be got at 843.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are on offer at 892. Shanghai Lands are quoted Tls. 117. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged, with no sales to report.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes: Ewes Tls. 75 ex dividend of Tls. 5 per share paid on 16th instant. Internationals are quoted at Tls. 60 buyers, Loon Kung Mills Tls. 65 buyers, and Sooyeechee Tls. 270 buyers, Hongkong Cottons have sellers at 810.

SUNDRY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric sold and have buyers at 8183. Green Island Cements sold at 810 to 8980, having buyers at 8975 and sellers at 8990. Icos are offering at 8225. In other stocks under this heading nothing has been done and rates are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Langkats are quoted Tls. 860 ex the final dividend and bonus of together Tls. 20 per share, paid on 15th instant. Watkins sold and have buyers at 82. Watson's changed hands at 89 and 899 and have further enquiries. Nothing has been done in other stocks under this heading, and rates are unchanged.

THE NEXT VICEROY OF INDIA.

Many suggestions about the next Viceroy have been made of late and at the same time the possibility of reviving the office of Commander-in-Chief at Home is being discussed. Putting the current gossip on each of these points together, the thought suggests itself that there is no valid reason why the next Viceroy should not be the Duke of Connaught. India's viceroyalty is a post sufficiently glorious to merit an incumbent of Royal blood. The advantages resulting from such a choice are obvious. Let the post be above party any let it not be limited to five years' tenure. At present we cannot see a single serious disadvantage likely to result from the carrying out of this scheme. But if this cannot be, then there are no candidates for the post whose claims can approach those of Lord Macdonald. It is well known that the Governorship of one of the Presidencies was offered to him before the thankless duty of Under-Secretary in Ireland fell to him. He has since been raised to the Peerage and who knows but that this is the conscious removal of the only technical objection that could be urged against his being made Viceroy—*Calcutta Englishman*

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

HONGKONG "A" V. CIVIL SERVICE.

The match between these teams on Saturday ended in a draw. The Civil Service went in first, and declared their innings for a total of 149. Then Hongkong "A" entered the lists and compiled 96 runs for the loss of two wickets before time was announced. Scores and analysis follow:—

CIVIL SERVICE.	
A. R. P. Rayson, b. Legmann	41
H. R. Phillips, c. Irving, b. Makin	21
E. B. Reed, b. Haughton	18
R. O. Hatcher, not out	7
E. R. Sutherland, not out	6
T. A. Bidd, R. C. Harlow, I. McEwan	0
B. E. O. Bird and L. E. Brett did not bat.	
Extras	5
Total	149

HONGKONG "A".	
A. P. Deaswood, b. Bird	2
E. R. Sutherland, not out	18
E. J. H. Haughton, b. Bird	12
E. Irving did not bat.	
W. O. D. Turner did not bat.	
A. E. Fowler, not out	52
R. C. Oliver, A. Mackenzie, Legmann and Waterhouse did not bat.	
Extras	6
Total	96

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
L. Legmann	0 1 2 1
Makin	10 2 40 1
Fowler	7 1 29 6
Turner	4 10 11 0
I. Haughton	0 0 15 1
Waterhouse	1 0 7 1

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
R. E. O. Bird	9 2 24 2
Brett	5 1 14 1
Reed	5 1 10 1
Hutchinson	4 0 24 1
Sutherland	2 0 14 1

HONGKONG "B" V. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

This match ended in a win for the "B" team by six wickets and one run. Following are the scores and analysis:—

ROYAL ENGINEERS "C.C."	
Macgregor, b. R. Hancock	8
Harri, run out	2
Powell, c. Pearce, b. Sharpin	23
Moffat, c. Lang, b. Sharpin	1
Holland, c. R. Hancock	2
Morrish, c. Daniels, b. Hancock	18
Kean, c. Logan, b. Hancock	16
Satterthwaite, b. Hancock	16
Whelan, c. R. Hancock, b. Hancock	8
Denman, c. R. Hancock, b. Hancock	8
Levitt, did not bat	1
Extras	5
Total	63

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
Stevens	0 1 16 0
H. Hancock	9 1 11 3
R. Hancock	15 4 8 4
A. Sharpin	6 0 18 3

HONGKONG "B".	
A. Hancock, b. Morrish	12
F. H. Stovell, b. Morrish	25
P. Jacobs, b. Morrish	6
Kean, c. Logan, b. Hancock	1
Levitt, c. S. Shi, did not bat	1
T. E. Pearce, did not bat	8
R. Hancock, W. J. Daniels, S. S. Logan, J. J. Galtcliffe and S. D. Sharpin did not bat.	
Extras	4
Total	69

ROYAL ENGINEERS V. TELEGRAPHISTS.

The above match was played on the Naval ground on Saturday, and ended in an easy win for the Telegraphists. The following are the scores:—

TELEGRAPHISTS.	
C. W. Day, c. Lightfoot, b. Chitty	25
A. W. J. Peake, c. and b. Dixon	0
R. E. Beattie, not out	27
A. H. Young, b. Chitty	9
J. D. Woods, c. Dixon, b. Chitty	8
F. Linton, b. Chitty	8
S. Lack, not out	4
Extras	4
Total (for 5 wickets)	115

HONGKONG "B".	
S. Lightfoot, b. Peake	4
W. E. Dixon, b. Shields	7
Major, Chitty, b. Peake	0
H. Bagg, b. Shields	1
J. P. Robinson, b. Peake	11
J. J. Chittenden, b. Peake, b. Shields	0
J. O. Lint, b. Shields, b. Shields	0
W. Martin, not out	1
J. D. Macdonald, c. Shields, b. Peake	0
C. J. Lippard, b. Shields	0
Capt. Somerville, b. Shields	0
Extras	9
Total	35

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
Peake	9 1 14 4
Shields	9 1 12 6

BASEBALL.

Reaches All-American Baseball team badly defeated the Hongkong nine in a one-sided game at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon.

Despite threatening weather, the grandstands were comfortably filled and a large crowd, nearly surrounded the field. Much interest has been aroused among Americans in this part of the world by the visit of the team, no less than fifteen coming from Canton for the game.

There are twelve players in the party under the management of Mike Fisher. Three of them belong to the biggest league in the States, Delehanty, Burns and Flaherty while the rest are very strong minor leaguers.

The Hongkong team was composed of officers and men from the U. S. gunboat *Helena* reinforced by the three men from the visitors at the most important positions, Graney pitching, Williams catching and Curtis second base. The men from the *Helena*, however, showed that they needed practice badly, for the large score made by the Americans was due largely to errors on the part of Hongkong.

The game opened promptly at three o'clock, Consul-General Wilder delivering the first ball which had been handed to him in a box with his name on the cover.

Codeglin, center fielder of the Hongkong team made a two base hit the first inning, but was called out for not touching first base. This was the only long hit until the fifth inning, the Hongkong team being retired in one two three order. In the fifth inning Adams lined out another good two bogger and a hit by the next man would mean a run, but Adams got too far off the base and was caught napping by a quick throw from the catches. Adams was the only player to reach second and Hongkong never threatened to score after that.

The All-American team in the meantime had amassed a total of 16 runs aided by 17 hits and a large number of errors by Hongkong. One and two base hits came in quick succession, the longest hit being a home run by Danzig clearing

the bases. While the Americans played errorless ball the Hongkong team became badly demoralized, throwing the ball around in an aimless manner. The rain held off until the last of nine innings, though the damp ground made the ball so slippery that it seriously interfered with the work of the pitchers. The game was over in one hour and five minutes, an extraordinarily quick game, as a base ball game generally lasts about two hours.

Flaherty is to be commended for pitching an admirable game, letting the Hongkong team down with but three hits, whereas Graney in allowing the American team 17 hits was badly off form. Danzig first base and Delehanty second distinguished themselves by their superior playing.

Below is a summary of the game:—	
Hildebrand, left field	run 1 hit 1
Doveraux, (Capt.), 3rd base	2 1 2
Delehanty, 2nd base	2 2 2
Heistmuller, right field	2 2 2
Danzig, 1st base	2 2 2
Mac Arde, short stop	0 1 1
Bliss, catcher	3 1 1
Burns, centre fielder	1 3 3
Flaherty, pitcher	2 4 4

Kieran, left field	0 1 1
Curtis, 2nd base	0 1 1
Williams, catcher	0 0 0
Codeglin, center field	0 0 0
Colter, first base	0 0 0
Lient Adams, right field	0 0 1
Sullivan, third base	0 0 0
Graney, pitcher	0 0 0
Raine, short stop	0 0 0
	0 13

Time 1.05. Umpire: Mr. Fisher.

For Hongkong, Lieut. Adams playing right field seemed to be the only man who kept his head. Most of the team made many bad errors. From here the team got a message to stay a week, returning shortly after New Year and playing Canton on the way North.

Three ladies are taking the trip: Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Wright, all of San Francisco. So far the trip has been very satisfactory though rain was encountered at Shanghai as well as Hongkong.

FOOTBALL.

ROYAL ENGINEERS V. N.A.M.C. Played on the Military ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, this match was one of the poorest exhibitions of Soccer that followers of the game have watched in Hongkong. The Royal Engineers entirely outclassed their opponents, and did much as they pleased throughout the game, and no doubt their feeling of security after the first few goals had been scored was responsible for the straggling play which ensued. The teams were:—

Royal Engineers: Power, Beattie and Colton; Walker, Edwards and Osmond; Jackson, Legrove, Meany, Taylor and Shave. N.A.M.C.: Boulkes, Redfern and Haigh; Simpkins, Barr and Winn; Mills, Waters (substitute); Crews, Hill and Jones.

When the teams lined up the N.A.M.C. were found to be a forward, short and Waters was placed on the inside right in the stead of the absent man. As events transpired, he turned out to be the right man in the right place, for he scored the only goal scored by his team during the match. The medicals set this letter in motion and were immediately compelled to defend. The Grove scoring the Engineers' first goal just after play started. Then the left wing of the R.A.M.C. the only players on the losing side who showed any form throughout the game, carried the leather into R.E. territory. After a brief spell there the Engineers worked it up to the Medicals' net and Johnson was successful in netting. Play still tarried before the Medicals' net, and an unfortunate kick by Haigh registered another goal against his team. Thus the score stood at half time:—Royal Engineers, 3; Medicals, 0.

The few diving spectators who watched the second moiety did not enjoy the exhibition. A drizzling shower continued through the half and the ground was somewhat heavy, but allowing for these unusual conditions, the play was impardonable. The Engineers had things entirely their own way until the finish, the few changes made by the Medicals throughout the half being promptly repulsed. There was but one momentary visit to the R.E. net, and that was when Waters scored for the R.A.M.C. Shave, Meany and Le Grove added to the score of the Engineers before the whistle sounded. Final:—Royal Engineers, 6; R.A.M.C., 1.

BUFFS V. R.O.A.

The League match between the "Buffs" and R. A. was played on the Military ground on Saturday at 4 p.m. Owing no doubt to the greater attraction of the Base Ball match and the inclement weather, the attendance was very much under expectation; but what they lacked in numbers they certainly made up for in enthusiasm. R.G.A. won the toss and elected to defend the Brewery end. When the teams lined up, it was noticed that changes had been made in R. A. team, owing to Waters and Symons being on the injured list. The Buffs set the ball rolling and were soon in the vicinity of the R. A. goal, but a fruitless corner was the other end. The R. A. then transferred play to the other end but want of a clear understanding between the forwards, made them an easy prey for the Buffs' backs, who throughout the game were noticeable for their clearing. A clever run by the Buffs left wing and a neat centre from Brewster was put well over the bar by the centre forward. From the goal kick the R. A. had a look in, and the effective work of Nash and Ellis was value for a goal, but McFarlane seemed to have great difficulty in keeping the ball under control, and Fitzpatrick had no difficulty in clearing; and sent the ball well up the field to Taylor, who had another try to be caught napping. A fine shot by Drew brought Beasley out of his goal to save; but owing to the slippery ball he failed to clear his goal and the ball going to Taylor he had no difficulty in scoring. Frequent interchanges followed the kick off; but with no result, although, had the shooting of the R. A. forwards been more accurate, a goal must have resulted. On one occasion in particular the Buffs' right back, mis-kicked letting Nash in. He centred to McFarlane and he had several tries at Fitzpatrick, who proved equal to the occasion. Hadson then had a try for the R. A. and a few inches only robbed him of a goal, as Fitzpatrick had no chance

to save a shot which hit the cross bar. A rush by the Buffs was stopped by hands against Taylor, and the whistle sounding shortly afterwards found the score at half time still 0-0. In the second half both teams settled to their work in deadly earnest, but a slippery ball prevented good football. The weakness of the R. A. forwards, was especially noticeable, and more especially in front of goal, and on one occasion McFarlane having the goal at his mercy failed to score. Time found the Buffs leading by the only goal of the match.

This result was by no means the value of the run of the game, but both sets of forwards are largely to blame for the scarcity of goals. A draw in my opinion would have been the proper result of what proved to be an evenly contested and fast game. For the winners the play of Fitzpatrick, Brewster, Kelly and Taylor made them conspicuous; but to find fault with any of the team would have been a hard job as they all seemed to be having their day on. For the R. A. Brewster played his usual steady game, but did not receive the support from West, that he should have done. His head was prominent, and his careful feeling of the forwards, was a feature of the game. Beasley could hardly be said to be up to his usual form, fondness of gallery play and leaving his goal nearly costing the R. A. another point. In a general summing up it would be safe to say that the return match should prove the game of the year in Hongkong football, and given good weather there is no doubt that the standard of play will be very much above that which is generally witnessed.

Several of the referee's decisions did not seem to meet with the approval of a section of the onlookers; but players and spectators should always bear in mind that the referee is generally in a better position than anyone else to give a proper verdict.

LUSITANO V. NAVAL YARD.

This match was played on the Causeway Bay ground on Saturday. After the rain of the two previous days the ground was greasy, consequently the display of football was disappointing. Lusitano won the toss and the Naval Yard started the ball rolling. Midfield play ensued for a little time, followed by a smart dash for a goal. A shot by Lusitano was deflected which went wide. About two minutes later Willis again got possession and scored Naval Yard's first goal. Soon after Daniels added a second point from this half time the Naval Yard began to play better. Lusitano, busy defending. Half time: Naval Yard, 2 goals; Lusitano, 0.

Upon the restart the Naval Yard pressed. The Lusitano played up well and kept the goal intact for about fifteen minutes. Then Pascoe got the ball close in and scored with a shot that gave the goal keeper no chance. A smart run by Lusitano forwards put the Naval Yard goal in some danger, but the hard working Joughin cleared, passed on to Wilks, whose selfishness lost the ball. About two minutes later Harding scored the fourth goal for Naval Yard. In quick succession Daniels added another and then Coyne scored. When the whistle blew for time the score was:—Naval Yard, 6 goals; Lusitano, 0.

Y.M.C.A. V. BOYS' OWN CLUB.

Y.M.C.A. were out for a day's goal shooting at Causeway Bay and had a rather full bag, the contents being 7 goals and 2 points. Y.M.C.A. lost the toss and kicked off at 4.15 p.m. with one man short, however, the centre forward having failed to put in an appearance. For about ten minutes the B.O.C. pressed. The latter apparently had not awakened to the fact that they were there to play football, but after conceding a corner, they woke up and attacked. Wilson scoring. Clements added a second point a few minutes later. Y.M.C.A. were now having matters their own way. A penalty was given against the B.O.C. Storrie took the kick but failed to register, after Storrie made amends by putting Y.M.C.A. up another point. Clements was now prominent for some good work and finished by scoring a fourth goal. Y.M.C.A. were now leading 4-0 and should certainly have scored more. Churnutt and Goldenberg showed up smartly on the ball and on several occasions deserved better luck in front of goal. Half time arrived with the score: Y.M.C.A., 4; B.O.C., 0.

All the second half Y.M.C.A. pressed, but failed to take advantages offered them. Wilson Kelly seemed the only forwards who took things at all seriously. Wilson scored three goals during the second period. Result: Y.M.C.A., 7 goals; B.O.C., 0. The B.O.C. are improving a little. With practice they should make a better show.

PROPOSED MARATHON RACE IN SHANGHAI.

A proposal to hold a Marathon race in Shanghai is being considered. The Shanghai Athletic Association were to hold an extraordinary meeting of members on Friday at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to discuss the project.

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ARRIVALS.

BUNJUN MARU, Japanese str., 1811, Y. Finisio, 20th Dec.—Swatow 19th Dec., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
 CALCHAS, British str., 4278, O. P. Williams, 19th Dec.—Shanghai 16th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 HACHINO, British str., 1133, W. C. Passmore, 20th Dec.—Fochow, Amoy and Swatow 19th Dec., General—Douglas LaPraik & Co.
 HANYANG, British str., 1207, Trowbridge, 19th Dec.—Shanghai 15th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 LROHARD, Austrian str., 1500, Noyera-Hohenberg 19th Dec.—Shanghai 16th Dec., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
 SHOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 999, Ijichi, 19th Dec.—Swatow 18th Dec., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
 SINGAL, German str., 940, G. Schallkier, 18th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoihow 17th Dec., General—Jobson & Co.
 SOLEND, Norwegian str., 1165, H. H. Hansen, 19th Dec.—Rangoon via Singapore 7th Dec., Grounded—Chinese.
 TOKI MARU, Jap. str., 3433, T. Matsumoto, 19th Dec.—Moji 15th Dec., General—Arnold Karberg & Co.
 YAMAGUCHI, German str., 769, J. C. Hansen, 20th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoihow 18th Dec., Rice and General—Jobson & Co.
 YETOROFU MARU, Japanese str., 4600, K. Sato, 20th Dec.—Singapore 12th Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 YINGCHOW, British str., 20th Dec.—Canton.
 YUSHUN, Chinese str., 20th Dec.—Canton.

DEPARTURES.

CHONGCHOW, British str., for Canton.
 CHOWANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 EMPRESS OF INDIA, Br. str., for Vancouver, & Hainan, British str., for Swatow.
 HAIN CHI, Chinese str., for Canton.
 MANCHURIA, American str., for Shanghai.
 NANCHANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 PROMINENT, Norwegian str., for Swatow.
 SHANTUNG, German str., for Swatow.
 ZAFIRO, British str., for Manila.
 20th Dec.
 CHANDRON, British str., for Singapore.
 DAINI MARU, Jap. str., for Amoy.
 FOCHOW, British str., for Ningpo.
 HANYANG, British str., for Canton.
 HINSHANG, British str., for Hongkong.
 JOHIN MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow.
 SINGAL, German str., for Haiphong.
 WOSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

SWAPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Hatching reports: Strong N. E. monsoon full overcast with passing showers.

VESSELS IN THE BERTH.

ABERDEEN DOCK.—Sameen.
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1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	SECT.	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SICILIA	Brit. str.	—	C. W. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst.
LONDON &c., VIA SUEZ PORTS OF CALL.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ROTHEN	Brit. str.	—	Haughton	MOGENSEN BROS. & GOW	On 6th Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DEN OF OOL	Ger. str.	k.w.	v. Döhren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Jan.
HANDE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SANDRIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Luning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LEBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Persius	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BACERONA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	O. FRED. LARSEN	Ger. str.	k.w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Boyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd Febr.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Boyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Febr.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	DUMBA	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Bonnet, R.N.R.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 22nd inst., at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAYRE & COPENHAGEN	MACDONALD	Brit. str.	—	H. Fraser	MELCHERS & Co.	Beginning of January.
MARSEILLES & LONDON VIA BOMBAY	HIRANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at D'light
GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Geo. Anderson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SALO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Formes	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 6th Jan., at D'light
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, &c.	BUELOW	Ger. str.	—	G. Rott	MELCHERS & Co.	On 30th inst., at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINZES ALICE	Ger. str.	—	Nitsche	MELCHERS & Co.	On 10th March.
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Ger. str.	—	Williams	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	About 24th inst.
NEW YORK	LENNOX	Brit. str.	—	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow
NEW YORK	SEKH	Brit. str.	—	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst.
NEW YORK & BOSTON VIA SUEZ PORTS	INDRAWADI	Brit. str.	—	Williams	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	EMPEROR CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 19th Jan.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	C. D. Bonnet, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY	On 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. L. Harrison	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY	On 2nd March, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TOKA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Boyd	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN, &c.	INVERIO	Brit. str.	—	A. Dawson	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 14th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAITWAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	RIEKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	L. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	F. Iske	MELCHERS & Co.	On 31st inst., at 5 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUKANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Jan., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SANUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Homma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at D'light
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUKANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
JAPAN	CHENAN	Brit. str.	—	H. Koops	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	YATSHING	Brit. str.	1 m.	M. Courtney	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	KOONSHING	Brit. str.	—	Charbonnel	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	TOKIN	Brit. str.	—	K. Sato	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 31st inst.
SHANGHAI	YETOROFU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Y. Fuzeno	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	BUJUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	V. McClymont-Liddell	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	SUNDA	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI	ASSAYE	Brit. str.	—	A. Stewart	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
SHANGHAI	ARLINGTON-APCAR	Brit. str.	—	E. Malchow	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	E. F. FERDINAND	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. Malchow	MELCHERS & Co.	About 31st inst.
SHANGHAI	YEDDO	Brit. str.	—	Block	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Middle of January.
SHANGHAI	AL DALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd Jan.
SHANGHAI	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th Jan.
SHANGHAI	TJIMARI	Dut. str.	—	de Brouwer	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	SHIBETORI MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Atsumi	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI	SHOSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Ijichi	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	KUKANO MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	H. A. Wall	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SUNGLANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	G. H. Pennefather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 29th inst., at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 31st inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	Beginning of January.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 30th inst.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Fassmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
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MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. F. ISEK	Thursday, 31st Dec., at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" Capt. E. MALCHOW	About Thursday, 31st December
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BOERNEO" Capt. F. SEMBIL	Beginning of January, 09

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"EMPERESS OF INDIA" 6,163	TUESDAY, 2nd March	26th March 09
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TONKIN" Capt. Charbonnel	About 21st Dec.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"DUMBEA" Capt. Boyer	On 22nd Dec., 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"SYDNEY" Capt. Henric	On 4th Jan., p.m.
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 Hongkong, 16th December, 1908.

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SHANGHAI	ASSAYE Capt. C. L. Daniel	About 25th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	Noon, 26th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PEN- ANG, COLOMBO PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SICILIA Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	On 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1908.

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HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 21st Dec., NOON.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAKING"	On 22nd Dec., 3 P.M.
AMOI and SHANGHAI	"KIUKIANG"	On 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
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AMOI, MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI	"KOONSHING"	Monday, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAI, WEI	"CHEONGSHING"	Wednesday, 23rd Dec., Noon.
HAIPHONG, CHAFU & CHINGWANTAO	"YUENSANG"	Thursday, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LAISANG"	Friday, 25th Dec., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"FOOKSANG"	Monday, 11th Jan., Noon 09

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AMOI & FOCHOW	Capt. Y. FUSANO	at 8 A.M.
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AMOI	Capt. J. ICHI	at 8 A.M.
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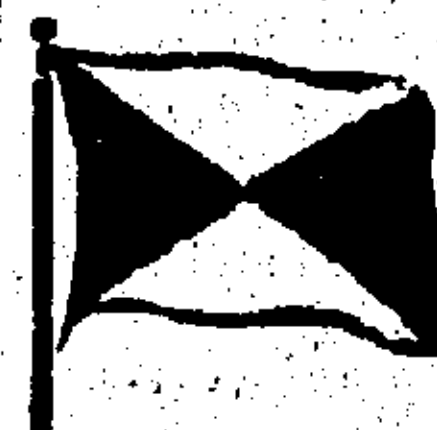
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S.S. SLAVONIA ... 17th Jan. 09	S.S. DEN OF OGIL ... 5th Jan. 09
S.S. SAXONIA ... 27th Jan. 09	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. SPEZIA ... 8th Febr. 09	S.S. ISTRA ... 11th Jan. 09
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VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOCHI, and YOKOHAMA	SADO MARU Capt. Geo. Anderson	6227	WED'DAY, 6th Jan., 09 at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	POSA MARU Capt. T. L. Harrison	5828	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	SHINANO MARU Capt. K. Kawara	6388	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., 09 at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. A. B. Moese	5539	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09 at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	YETOROFU MARU Capt. K. Sato	3949	TUESDAY, 22nd December.
	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	WED'DAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
	SANUKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	6112	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Daylight
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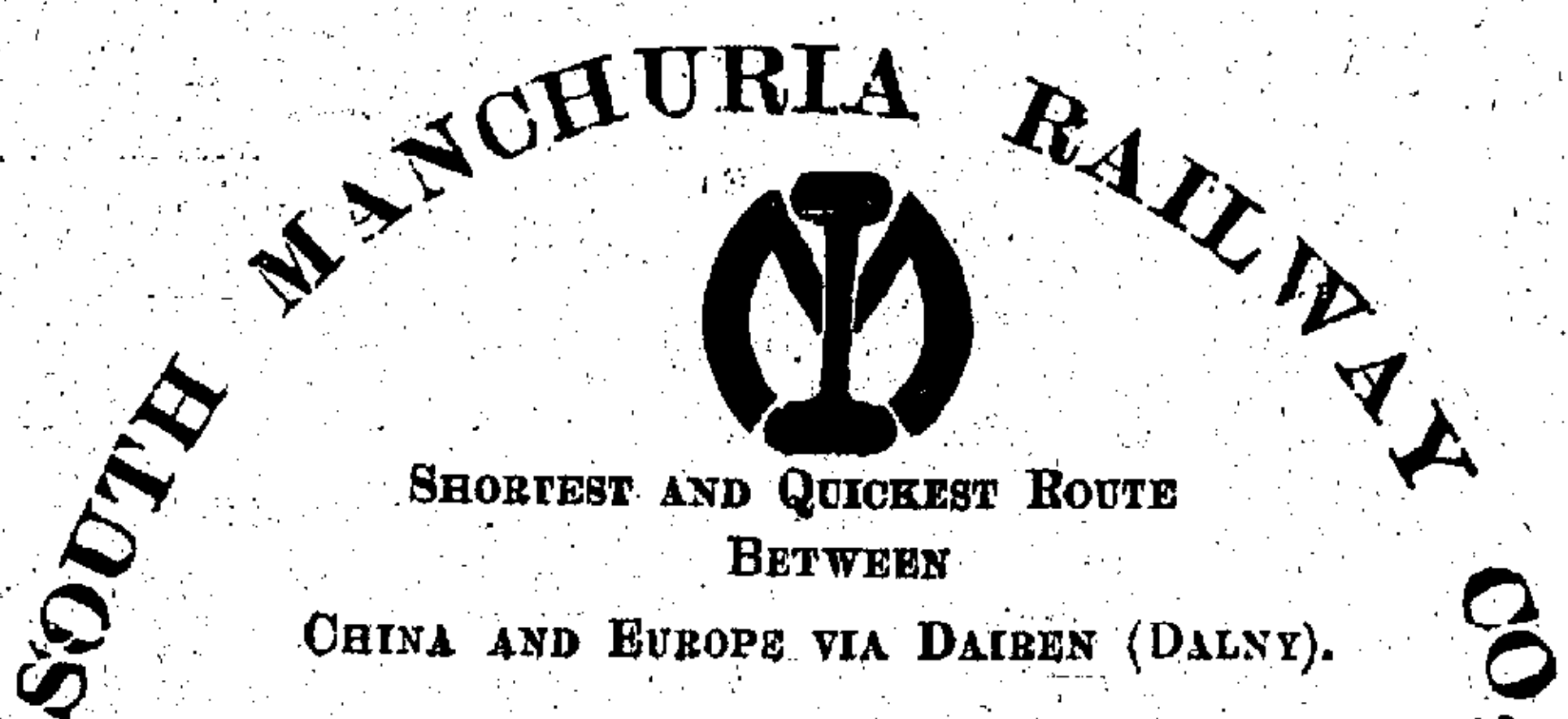
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